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SUBJECT: TRADE OPPORTUNITY IN AGRICULTURAL FIELD

1. DR. LUIS OROPEZA, PRESIDENT, BANCO DE DESARROLLO AGROPECUARIO (AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BANK) HAS REQUESTED NAMES OF U.S. COMPANIES SPECIALIZED IN FIELD OF DRILLING AND SERVICING WATER WELLS. COMPANIES SHOULD BE ABLE TO HANDLE ALL ASPECTS OF SUCH A PROGRAM INCLUDING FURNISHING PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

2. FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF SUCH A LIST DR. OROPEZA WOULD BE WILLING TO TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES TO MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF SUCH COMPANIES.

3. DR. OROPEZA INDICATED THAT AN INITIAL CONTRACT MIGHT BE SIGNED FOR 100 WELLS IN THE STATE OF GUARICO AND THAT PROGRAM COULD BE EXTENDED TO COVER ADDITIONAL WELLS IN STATES OF PORTUGUESA, AND LARA, ALL OF WHICH ARE PRESENTLY SUFFERING FROM DROUGHT CONDITIONS.

4. IN VIEW OF ATTENTION WHICH VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT IS GIVING TO AGRICULTURAL SECTOR, EMBASSY ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THIS REQUEST AND WOULD APPRECIATE A PROMPT RESPONSE. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE AGRICULTURE IS MAJOR THEME OF NEXT U.S. COMMERCE DEPARTMENT EXHIBITION AND HAS BEEN GIVEN TOP PRIORITY IN COUNTRY'S COMMERCIAL PROGRAM.

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